

Resolution No.: 15-1149
Introduced: September 20, 2005
Adopted: September 27, 2005

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Support for Application to the State for Designation of Downtown Wheaton as an Arts and Entertainment District in Montgomery County

Background

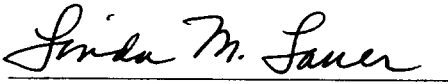
1. Title 4, Subtitle 7 of Article 83A of the Maryland Code authorizes the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development to designate one or more Arts and Entertainment Districts within the State.
2. Each Arts and Entertainment District is to be designated in accordance with the requirements set forth in Title 4, Subtitle 7 of Article 83A and the regulations required to be issued thereunder.
3. Section 4-701(B) of Article 83A provides that the governing body of a county may apply to the Secretary for designation of an Arts and Entertainment District in the county.
4. The application to the Secretary must include, among other things, evidence that the political subdivision held a public hearing and a written expression of the sentiment of the local elected governing body regarding the filing of the application for designation in the form of a resolution.
5. By Joint Resolution No. 15-53, adopted February 11, 2003, and extended by Joint Resolution No. 15-1093, adopted July 26, 2005, an Arts and Entertainment District Advisory Panel was created. The Arts and Entertainment District Advisory Panel is to recommend areas in the County which the Executive and the County Council should recommend to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development for designation as Arts and Entertainment Districts.
6. In accordance with process set forth in Joint Resolution No. 15-53, the Arts and Entertainment District Advisory Panel invited proposals from entities within the County for areas which might be suitable for designation as Arts and Entertainment Districts, invited public comment on the proposals, and held a public hearing on July 27, 2005, to receive comments on the proposal received.
7. The Arts and Entertainment District Advisory Panel, after evaluating the proposals in accordance with the criteria set forth in Title 4, Subtitle 7 of Article 83A of the Maryland Code, recommended that the Executive and the County Council should apply to the Secretary for designation of downtown Wheaton as an Arts and Entertainment District in Montgomery County.
8. The Executive recommends that the County Council approve the recommendation of the Arts and Entertainment District Advisory Panel.

Action

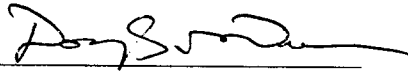
The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following resolution:

The County Council supports application to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development for designation of downtown Wheaton as an Arts and Entertainment District in Montgomery County.

This is a correct copy of Council action:



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council



Douglas M. Duncan
County Executive

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